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8	Defendants. :
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1	A Myself, James Avery, Robert Reed, and	1	of the	other acts.	
2	Taylor Reed.	2	Q	Okay.	
3	Q Okay. So the four of you were there, and	3	A	Outside of Trouble Funk.	
4	Maxx Kidd was there, and Chris Blackwell was there.	4	Q	Okay. And so as a result of that meeting,	
5	Was anybody else there?	5	there w	vere a whole bunch of discussions and	
6	A Yeah, there were some other people there.	6	negotia	ations leading to agreements, correct?	
7	I don't remember.	7	A	Correct.	
8	Q Do you remember where in Georgetown this	8	Q	Okay. And you guys retained Mr. Tisdale to	
9	took place?	9	represe	ent your interests in that, correct?	
10	A It was in a hotel. I don't know exactly	10	A	I believe so, yes.	
11	what hotel it was.	11	Q	Okay. And you signed a bunch of documents	
12	Q And what do you recall about the	12	in the	end of 1984 as a result of those negotiations,	
13	discussions during that meeting?	13	right?		
14	A Well, Chris Blackwell, I distinctly	14	A	I had signed some documents, yes.	
15	remember him saying that, you know, Maxx Kidd was not	15	Q	Okay.	
16	only a business, you know, acquaintance, but he was a	16	A	With Island Records.	
17	personal friend, and he's the type of person you're	17	Q	With Island Records and with Maxx Kidd?	
18	going to love him or you're going to hate him. And	18	A	Not that I remember, no.	
19	he said, "Frankly, I love him, and, you know, if	19	Q	Okay. When was the so there were	
20	you're going to do business with me, you have to do	20	documents, and I'll show them to you in a couple of		
21	business with Maxx Kidd."	21	minutes, and we can talk about this, there's no		
22	Q Okay.	22	2 secret about what the documents are, and they're all		
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1	A I walked out. And they came back and got	1	dated (October 11th, 1984.	
2	me. And, you know because I wasn't doing business	2		Have you seen any of those documents in the	
3	with Maxx Kidd, you know.	3	last 30	years, since the time they were signed?	
4	Q Well, you say you weren't doing business	4	A	No.	
5	with Maxx Kidd, but you were personally doing	5	Q	Okay. Do you recall reading the documents	
6	business with Maxx Kidd as a producer in other ways,	6	that yo	u signed before you signed them?	
7	weren't you?	7			
	, eren y ou.	/	A	No, I don't recall reading the documents,	
8	A Yeah. Yeah. But he was paying me to do	8		ecall the documents being read by the lawyer.	
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Page 124 Page 122 1 They were initialed and signed. The some handwriting, correct? 2 changes were made. 2 Α Yes. 3 Okay. 3 And finally, if you look at pages 15 and Q 4 And a lot of that stuff was with Island and 17, you'll see that there is certain language that's Maxx Kidd that you spoke of. bracketed there as well? 5 6 Okay. You recall that there was a change 6 Mm-hmm. 7 made in the document before you signed it. It's fair to say, isn't it, Mr. Fisher, 8 Right. that you don't know when the handwriting that is on 9 Because there was a provision saying that 9 this copy of the document was put on this document, Island wasn't going to pay you directly, and you 10 10 correct? Yes. 11 crossed that out and you initialed it, and then you Α 11 signed it with the change, correct? 12 12 Q Okay. And you don't know whose handwriting MR. TALCOTT: Objection. 13 13 it is either, do you? 14 Yes. There were also some changes that we 14 You mean... 15 had to make that Maxx had put in there as far as 15 Where there's handwriting. I'm not talking Q 16 trying to control and wanted us to give him full 16 about the brackets. No. No, I don't. 17 control over our writers' rights and all that stuff. 17 Α That was crossed out. For example, on page 6, there's a bunch of 18 19 BY MR. BART: 19 handwriting to the right of the top half of the page, 20 All right. O 20 on the page that's marked 6. 21 A And initialed. 21 I don't know. I have no idea. Why don't you take a look first at what we 22 22 Okay. Fair enough. So other than being Page 123 Page 125 able to verify your signature on the document, you 1 marked yesterday as Exhibit 4. don't have any other present recollection of any of 2 Okay. 3 First off, Mr. Fisher, without going 3 the terms or conditions of this agreement, do you? 4 Α No. 4 through this in detail, take a look at the back page, 5 Okay. And is it your testimony that prior page 18. That's your signature on the second line, O 5 isn't it? to the time you signed this agreement, that you 7 didn't read it, but your counsel explained it to you? Yep. Okay. Now, you haven't seen this document 8 Is that a fair statement? 9 since it was signed in 1984, have you? 9 Α Yes 10 10 Okay. Let me show you -- you can hold it Okay. Take a look at the document itself, 11 if you want to. I'm not going to ask you anymore 11 Q 12 and you'll see on page 2, there's a circle. 12 questions on that. I'll show you what's been marked 13 as Exhibit -- well, let me show you 2 and 3, because Mm-hmm. 13 And an X underneath it. And you'll see on they're related. Exhibit 3 is an agreement between 14 14 Island Records and T.T.E.D. Records, as you put it, 15 page 5, page 5, that there is a bracket around 15 correct? 16 paragraph 2.02, and it says "James A." next to it. 16 17 17 A Okay. Mm-hmm. And there's a little squiggly line under 18 Okay. Actually, you should, just for --18 the number 15,000 down near the bottom of the page on just bear with me one second. Keep this exhibit in 20 front of you for a minute as well, the Exhibit 4. 20 301; do you see that? 21 And let me just point you to the language. You have 21 Α No. Okay.

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Exhibit 4 in front of you?

And you'll see that on page 6, there is

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Page 128 Page 126 1 Yes. recording agreement, right? 2 2 0 Now, this exhibit, Exhibit 4, is labeled an Mm-hmm. 3 exclusive recording agreement. And at the very, very 3 And it says the same date that we're bottom of page 1, the very last line, it starts off executing this, Island Records and the company have 4 entered into a separate record production agreement. 5 and says, "Island Records Inc. hereinafter Island," 5 and you go to the next page, "Company have entered Do you see that? into a record production contract of even date, Α Yes. hereinafter the Island contract." 8 Okay. Then I showed you Exhibit 2. Do you 9 Do you see that language? 9 have Exhibit 2? Yes. 10 Yeah. 10 Which at the very top says, "This letter 11 And the date that's on this recording 11 Q agreement is October 11th, 1984, on the very first 12 when signed by you and us shall, along with the page, on the first line. Do you see that? At the attached production contract standard conditions, 13 13 very top, right underneath "Exclusive Recording constitute the agreement between you and us." It's 14 Agreement." dated October 11th, 1984. It's between Island 15 15 16 Yes. Mm-hmm. 16 Records and T.T.E.D. Records. 17 So there's a reference here to the fact 17 And I'm asking you, do you have any knowledge that would suggest that these aren't the that on the same date as this, Island Records, and 18 18 the company, which is T.T.E.D. Records, are entering two contracts that are referring to each other? 19 19 into a separate agreement. 20 MR. TALCOTT: Objection. 20 21 21 MR. TALCOTT: Objection. Α No. 22 BY MR. BART: 22 BY MR. BART: Page 127 Page 129 Do you see that language? 1 1 O You have no knowledge? 2 A Yes. 2 No. A 3 Okay. Now, take a look at Exhibit 2, which 3 Fair enough. And again, just to make the 4 is in front of you. record clear, do you have any recollection sitting 5 Mm-hmm. 5 here today that you have ever read the document that 6 Which is -- has the same date as the other is marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 2? 7 agreement, correct? It's also dated October 11th, 7 No. 1984. 8 8 Q Defendants' Exhibit 2, I'm sorry. No? 9 Α Okay. 9 Α No 10 And it's between Island Records Inc. and 10 But that that may well have been a document T.T.E.D. Records Inc. Do you see that? 11 that was read by and reported to you by your counsel, 11 12 Yes. 12 correct? 13 Okay. Do you have any knowledge or MR. TALCOTT: Objection. 13 14 information that would suggest to you that this Could have been. I don't know. 14 15 second agreement, Exhibit 4 -- Exhibit 2, I'm 15 BY MR. BART: sorry -- is not the agreement referenced in Exhibit 16 16 Okay. Take a look at Exhibit 3, which says 17 4? 17 "Letter of Inducement." 18 MR. TALCOTT: Objection. 18 Α Mm-hmm. 19 BY MR. BART: 19 First let's go to the back of it, it's page 20 Do you understand my question? Q 20 31. You see at the bottom, it says page 31? 21 21 Α 22 22 0 Okay. I showed you Exhibit 4, which is the Q Okay. And that's your signature on the

Page 132 Page 130 1 second line, right? a letter that is being sent by the members of the 2 It's hard to say. It's so faded, it's hard band to Island Records dated as of October 11th, 3 to say. It looks like it could be my signature, yes. 1984, and it says in the first paragraph, "Pursuant 4 Okay. Take a look at page 18 of Exhibit 4, to an exclusive recording agreement, the artist and hold it up next to page 31 of Exhibit 3. Do you 5 5 agreement, between me and T.T.E.D. Records"; do you 6 have the two signatures? Those are both your 6 see that language? signatures, aren't they, Mr. Fisher? 7 Α No. 8 MR. TALCOTT: Objection. 8 O You don't see the language? 9 A Yes. Exact. 9 Α Where is this? BY MR. BART: Okay. We're on Exhibit 3, at the very top, 10 10 11 at the very first paragraph. First page. Q Thank you. 11 12 The exact same signature. 12 The first page? 13 Fair enough. Now, at the beginning of this 13 Yes. Are you with me? Q 14 Exhibit 3, you can put Exhibit 4 away for right now, 14 Α 15 this is a letter from the members of Trouble Funk, 15 Q Okay? It says, "Pursuant to an exclusive 16 right? It's signed by the four members who were 16 recording agreement, the artist agreement, between me 17 there, Taylor Reed, Robert Reed, Tony Fisher, and 17 and T.T.E.D. Records." Do you see that? James Avery, right? 18 18 Α Yeah. 19 Mm-hmm. Α 19 Q Okay. 20 O Yes? 20 I have a question. Α 21 A Yes, sir. 21 Of course. 22 By the way, are you familiar with the 22 Α Who is "me"? Page 131 Page 133 signatures of the other members of the band that if Okay. The people sending the letter. This 1 2 you see their signature, you know it's them? 2 is a letter from -- if you go to page 31, at the very 3 Α 3 back, where the signatures are. Go to that last page 4 O Can you just take a look at that same page again. You see right above the signatures, it says 31 that we just looked at. "Very truly yours," signed by the members of the 5 5 6 MR. TALCOTT: Back to Exhibit 4? 6 band? MR. BART: Of Exhibit 3. 7 7 Α Mm-hmm. 8 8 Yes? MR. TALCOTT: Exhibit 3. O 9 9 MR. BART: Yes. Α Yes, I see that. Yes. 10 10 BY MR. BART: Okay. Fair enough. And so this is a Q Do you recognize the signatures of the 11 11 letter addressed on the first page -- go to the first 12 other members of the band other than you? 12 page, it's addressed to Island Records, 14 East 4th 13 Well, I recommend -- I recognize -- I 13 Street; do you see that? 14 recognize Robert's. 14 Yes. 15 15 Did you ever visit Island Records at 14 Q Okay. 0 We did a lot of signing together. East 4th Street? 16 Α 16 17 Q Okay. Fair enough. 17 A Yes, I believe we visited there a couple of 18 Α Yeah. 18 times. 19 Q Thank you. Do you recognize Carl Kidd's 19 Q So this is a letter being sent to Island Records Inc. at 14 East 4th Street, "Gentlemen," 20 signature? 20 21 21 that's the way of starting the letter, and then it's Α Not really. 22 22 signed "Very truly yours, James Avery, Tony Fisher, Q Okay. Fair enough. Thank you. So this is

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1	Robert Reed, and Taylor Reed," right?	1	crossed off, you see "JA" on the top, and then "TR,"
2	A Yes. I hear you. Yes.	2	"TF," and "RR" underneath it?
3	Q Okay. But you don't understand the format	3	A It's this initial right here?
4	of this or what the document says?	4	Q No, no. On page no, no. On page 29.
5	A No, I don't even remember a document like	5	It may be too faint for you to see on this copy.
6	this.	6	A I only see "TR" on here.
7	Q Okay. Fair enough. Because you didn't	7	Q Oh, okay. I have a better copy. But
8	read any of the documents, you were just advised	8	whatever. You recall testifying that there was a
9	about them by your counsel, correct?	9	change made because there was language talking about
10	A Right.	10	how Island wasn't going to pay you directly, so that
11	Q Okay. So if I put in front of you the	11	was crossed off because you wanted to be paid
12	original copies of what was signed as opposed to	12	directly by Island, correct?
13	photocopies of what was signed that day, you wouldn't	13	A That was just one of the changes, yes.
14	recognize what was said there because you didn't	14	Q Okay. And in fact, do you remember that at
15	actually read those documents?	15	the time that all of these agreements were signed,
16	A No, I would recognize what was said. But I	16	there was a separate agreement providing that Island
17	don't remember I wouldn't recognize what was said	17	would pay you directly?
18	on paper.	18	A Yes.
19	Q You would remember what was said between	19	Q Okay. Let me just show you another copy,
20	people.	20	and we can try to find the best original one that we
21	A What was read, yes.	21	can, but if you'll take a look, for example, this is
22	Q But you're not going to remember the text	22	a better copy of page 29 of Exhibit 3. Do you have
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1	of any of these agreements, correct?	1	that in front of you? Do you see at the top and
2	A Right.	2	bottom of that top paragraph, there are four
3	Q Right?	3	initials, the top one, "JA," and the bottom one,
4	A Right.	4	"TR," "TF," and "RR"?
5	Q Okay. Now, take a look and I'm not	5	A Yes, I see that.
6	going to try and walk you through agreements that are	6	Q Okay.
7	very legal and not part of what you did from 30 years	7	4 36 1
	T:		A Mm-hmm.
8	ago. I just want to point out one thing for you. If	8	Q So those were James Avery, Taylor Reed,
9	you take a look at pages 2 and 3 of Exhibit 3.	8 9	Q So those were James Avery, Taylor Reed, Tony Fisher, and Robert Reed, correct?
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1	first page of that document I just gave you?	1	Q You remember that Island Records released a
2	MR. TALCOTT: Turn it over. Right there.	2	bunch of Trouble Funk records, correct?
3	A Okay.	3	A Right.
4	BY MR. BART:	4	Q Some stuff that went back to '82 or '83 and
5	Q Okay. Where it goes, "The royalties and	5	some newer stuff that came out later that hadn't been
6	sums payable pursuant to 7-A through 7-D of the	6	on any other album, right?
7	Island contract shall be divided and paid 58.33	7	A Right.
8	percent of 100 percent thereof to artist and 41.67	8	Q Okay. So there's old stuff, there's new
9	percent of 100 percent to T.T.E.D."	9	stuff, it's all coming out on Island after these
10	Do you see that language?	10	deals, right?
11	A Yes.	11	A Okay. Right.
12	Q Okay. And do you recall that Island agreed	12	Q Did Maxx Kidd have anything to do with
13	that they would pay your share directly to you and	13	Trouble Funk after Trouble Funk recordings started
14	Maxx Kidd's share directly to him?	14	coming out on Island Records? Was he involved with
15	A Yes.	15	the band at all?
16	Q Okay. Do you remember the percentages that	16	A Yes. Island Records gave us tour support.
17	were paid of the overall amount, how much each one of	17	Q Okay.
18	you got?	18	A And I guess Maxx was appointed to go over
19	A No.	19	there and, you know, promote along with the group,
20	Q Okay. Fair enough. Now, after you can	20	the records.
21	put that down, I'm not going to ask you any more	21	Q Okay. So he was involved, when you did
22	legal agreement questions, at least right now. So	22	tours, Maxx Kidd was part of the tour support that
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1	after your meeting with Blackwell and Kidd and the		Island provided to you pursuant to your agreements
2	other members of the band in Georgetown, and	2	with them, right?
3	Mr. Blackwell said to you, you know, if you're going	3	A Right.
4	to do a deal with me, you have to have Maxx Kidd in	4	Q Okay. And where did you tour that Island
5	it, and you either like him or love him or hate him?	5	provided tour support for you?
6	You remember the conversation	6	A London, Amsterdam, Germany, Switzerland,
7 8	A Yes. I remember that conversation. Q You remember it better than I do. I'm just	7 8	Paris. Q Nice tour.
9	paraphrasing it. After that conversation and after	9	A Yeah. A few other places I don't remember.
10	all these agreements were signed, and after you	10	But yeah, it was pretty much in the UK.
11	started working together with Island, what if any	11	Q Okay. And was that one tour or are those
12	involvement did Maxx Kidd have with Trouble Funk?	12	different tours?
13	Was he working at all on any of the records that	13	A I think just one tour.
14	Island was releasing of Trouble Funk?	14	Q And do you know when that took place?
15	A Okay. Can you repeat that?	15	A I think around '85. Well, between '85 and
16	Q Sure. After the meeting with Blackwell and	16	'87.
17	Kidd.	17	Q Okay. Fair enough.
18	A Mm-hmm.	18	A Yes.
19	Q After these agreements are signed that	19	Q And in fact, wasn't at least one of those
20	we've just gone through, you're now working in a deal	20	shows, I think the London show, recorded and
21	with Island Records.	21	released? Wasn't there
22	A Okay.	22	A London Town and Country. One was recorded
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Page 156 Page 154 mean as an actor. I mean what roles, what services about the film project, you know, at that lunch or at 2 did he render to help make the film, if any? 2 that meeting? I assume it was a lunch, but maybe it 3 Again, he controlled all of the other 3 was a dinner. 4 artists outside of Trouble Funk. A He was pretty much, you know, just telling 4 5 Okay. us about what he wanted to do. And a lot of things 0 5 6 So he had Redds and the Boys do -- and changed from that meeting, because I was supposed to 7 because he couldn't control Trouble Funk, he had have been one of the key actors in there, Tony. They Redds and the Boys do the title soundtrack. 8 wound up using the name but they got --9 Didn't you guys do a version of Good to Go? 9 Q An actor? 10 Yeah, we did -- no, yeah, we did Good to 10 Yeah, which was something that I found that 11 Go. But Movin' and Groovin' was like one of the was influenced by Maxx Kidd. 11 deejay songs of the soundtrack that they put a lot 12 12 Q Okay. 13 into, because Maxx controlled Redds and the Boys. 13 And he also mentioned how big he was going 14 Q Oh, okay. Nobody said that to you 14 to make the group, you know, and... 15 directly, did they, that the reason they did it is 15 How big Chris was going to make Trouble Q 16 because Maxx controlled Redds and the Boys, that's 16 Funk? 17 just your conclusion based upon knowing Maxx and 17 Α That's what Chris Blackwell, yeah, said, 18 knowing his relationship with Blackwell? 18 wanted to make the group real big. And I remember 19 Okay. You can put it that way, yes. 19 saying, "I'll believe it when I see it," and their 20 Okay. So you had this meeting at O 20 jaws dropped, I mean, you know. But hey --21 Gallagher's with --21 Life is short. So is this before your trip 22 By the way, he did say that. to Europe? 22 Page 155 Page 157 1 0 Who did? 1 Α Yes. 2 2 Maxx. Okay. So clearly Island had big plans for 3 you in the sense of doing a film, sending you over to Oh, Maxx said to you --3 Europe, ultimately sending you to Japan, correct? 4 "I'm going to push Redds and the Boys on 4 5 5 this movie." Right. Α 6 Fair enough. So you're at the meeting at Q Okay. Gallagher's with Maxx and with Chris Blackwell. Was 7 Mm-hmm. 7 Α 8 anyone else present? 8 And the album that was -- there was an 9 Α Outside of the group? album that was released by Island called Saturday 10 Night Live from Washington, DC. Are you familiar Not that I can remember. with that? 11 A 11 12 O Okay. 12 Yes. Paragon. 13 And that's the same one that was the second 13 Q Α 14 disk of --14 O And how many members of the group were there? 15 15 Α Right. 16 It was --16 Okay. So I just had the title wrong. Α 17 Island did release that as a separate record called Q The four of you? 17 18 The four of us, yes. Saturday Night Live from Washington, DC? Α 18 19 So by that time, really the four of you 19 Right. Okay. were the core members of the band? 20 20 Thanks. Just one second. Yes. Now, do 21 Α 21 you remember an album that Island released that had a 22 And what do you recall being discussed 22 number of go-go artists including yourself called Go Q

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1	Page 158 Go Crankin'?	1	Page 160 Good to Go or Short Fuse or whatever the title
$\begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$	A I think I remember something like that.	$\begin{vmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{vmatrix}$	ultimately was. Good to Go was a single that was
3	Yeah, it was a compilation.	3	released by the band on Island as well, wasn't it?
4	Q And do you remember let me just make	4	A Correct.
5	sure I have that in front of me. I don't. Oh, wait	5	Q Okay. And where was that recorded? Was
6	a second. Just take a look at this.	6	that recorded up in New York at
7	A Yes, "Paint the White House Black." I	7	A Yes.
8	remember this.	8	Q In that session you were telling us about
9	Q And that was the compilation record you	9	before?
10	were just talking about?	10	A Yes.
11	A Yes.	11	Q And they also released as a single It's in
12	Q And who were the other bands that were on	12	the Mix, Don't Touch That Stereo. Do you recall when
13	it?	13	Island released that as a single as well?
14	A Chuck Brown. Experience Unlimited.	14	A As a rerelease, yes.
15	Iceberg Slim. Hot Cold Sweat.	15	Q Yes, that's a rerelease of one of the
16	Q How many were all of the other bands	16	earlier D.E.T.T. releases, correct?
17	other than Trouble Funk controlled by Maxx Kidd?	17	A Right.
18	A Yes.	18	Q Then there was a Live in London album that
19	Q Okay.	19	was released; do you remember that?
20	A Yes.	20	A Yes.
21	Q Do you know who this is?	21	Q Okay. And do you recall where it was
22	A That's Maxx Kidd.	22	recorded, where in London you recorded that?
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1	Q Okay. Fair enough. Did you ever hear of	1	A I think that was Town and Country.
2	an Island label called 4th and Broadway?	2	Q Is that the name of the venue?
3	A Yes.	3	A The club, yes.
4	Q And isn't that where their offices were	4	Q Okay. And that was just the band
5	located?	5	performing, correct?
6	A Yes.	6	A Yes.
7	Q And some of the product that was released	7	Q There were no other musicians playing that
8	was released on 4th and Broadway, correct?	8	night?
9	A Yes.	9	A No.
10	Q Okay. Thanks. And just bear with me one	10	Q It was all recorded in the same live
11	second. And on this Go Go Crankin' record, Say What	11	performance?
12	was one of the tracks, right?	12	A Yes.
13	A Yes. I guess it was. Yes.	13	Q Okay. Then there was a new single that was
14	Q Okay. And the you didn't rerecord it	14	released called Women of Principle?
15	for this purpose, they just took the D.E.T.T. single	15	A Woman of Principle.
16	that had been released and put it out on this, right?	16	Q "Woman," singular?
17	A Yes. Yes. O Okay And actually the same is true for	17	A Woman of Principle. Q Women of Principle? Singular? "Woman" or
19	Q Okay. And actually, the same is true for Let's Get Small, it was the same version?	19	Q Women of Principle? Singular? "Woman" or "women"?
20	A Exactly, yes.	20	A "Woman."
21	Q Fair enough. Thank you. And Island also	20	Q "Woman." Okay. Fair enough. Thank you.
22	released the song we were talking before about	22	But that was a new single that hadn't been released
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1	before,	correct?	1	Q Okay. You appeared on all the tracks,
2	A	Yes.	2	though, didn't you, or not?
3	Q	Okay. Why are you sighing?	3	A No.
4	A	It was a bad single.	4	Q No? Which ones didn't you which ones
5	Q	Oh, okay. Fair enough. And where was that	5	did you appear on?
6	recorde	ed?	6	A The ones that I wrote.
7	A	I'm not sure, because some of the	7	Q Okay. Did you leave the band at any point?
8	recordi	ngs we did over in the islands, Chris	8	A No. We actually at one point we we
9	Blackw	vell's	9	had two Trouble Funks.
10	Q	In Jamaica?	10	Q Really?
11	A	In Jamaica, yes.	11	A Yeah.
12	Q	Okay. So	12	Q And when was that?
13	A	I think that was one of them.	13	A It was shortly after the album was
14	Q	So Island flew you over to Jamaica to	14	finished.
15	record	in Blackwell's studios over there?	15	Q Okay.
16	A	Yes.	16	A Yeah.
17	Q	And did he have his whole complex there at	17	Q Because you were unhappy with the direction
18	the tim	e?	18	it was going and
19	A	Yes. We stayed in his flats, whatever you	19	A I wasn't happy with the direction. That
20	call it,	on the beach.	20	wasn't that was not the Trouble Funk sound.
21	Q	That's a resort, basically a resort	21	Q So you basically created your own Trouble
22	commu	unity, right?	22	Funk, and there were competing Trouble Funks out
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1	A	Right. Mm-hmm.	1	there?
2	Q	So they flew you over and you stayed in	2	A It wasn't really competing. They wanted
3	those r	esidences and recorded at the studio, correct?	3	(Simultaneous speaking.)
4	A	Yes.	4	Q Well, you had two of them, whether they
5	Q	How often did you go to Jamaica to record?	5	were competing or not.
6	A	I only went once.	6	A One was the Trouble Funk that had Big Tony.
7	Q	Okay. And how many recordings did you do	7	Q Okay. You know, I'm not I'm not
8	during	that session?	8	expressing any opinions in this deposition,
9	A	Well, we actually flew over there different	9	Mr. Fisher. I'm just
10	times.	It's like they Robert and James and Taylor	10	A Yes, sir.
11	went th	here before me, because they was doing more	11	Q So there was a point at which right after
12		I didn't like the way the album was going, so	12	the release of this that Tony Fisher had a Trouble
13	I pretty	much, you know	13	Funk and the other members had a Trouble Funk?
14	Q	Which album were you talking about?	14	A Yes.
15	A	Trouble Over Here.	15	Q And they were both out in the marketplace
16	Q	Oh, okay. That was was that a full	16	for a while?
17		or yeah, okay, Trouble Over Here, Trouble	17	A Yes.
18	Over T	There?	18	Q And when did the members reconcile and come
10	A	Yes.	19	back and have just one Trouble Funk?
19	O	So you weren't crazy about where it was	20	A When they realized that
20	Ų	30 you weren't crazy about where it was	20	When they realized that
		so you didn't get as involved as they did?	21	Q Time-wise.

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1	We did reconcile, though.	1	Q Did you have counsel at that point? Did
2	Q How long a period were you running your own Trouble Funk?	2	you have a lawyer who was helping you negotiate or
3		3	deal with this agreement? A You mean
4	A For about a year.	4	
5	Q And it was basically right after the release of this record?	5	Q What's been marked as Exhibit 17. A I'm not sure I'm not sure what this
6		6	
7	A Pretty much, yes. After the release of this record and the release of Trouble Funk on Island	,	what is this agreement supposed to be? Q Well, I can read it to you, but, you know,
8		8	
9	Records.	9	if you don't have it basically says it's a
	Q The Trouble Over Here, Trouble Over There by Island Records?	10	letter to the four of you. A Uh-huh.
11			
12	A I mean, when we pretty much was released from the from the label.	12	Q Saying, from Island Records, dated November
13		13	30th, 1989. So this is about two years after the
14	Q Oh, okay. Okay. Well, the album Trouble	14	release of the Trouble Over Here, Trouble Over There
15	Over Here, Trouble Over There was sort of like the	15	record.
16	last big project that you did with Island, correct?	16	A Right.
17	A Right.	17	Q And it goes, "Reference is made to the
18	Q And so they marketed that for whatever	18	agreements dated October 11th, 1984, between you and
19	period of time they marketed it.	19	us," which we've looked at before, the agreements
20	A Yes.	20	that I showed you that had that date; do you
21	Q And then ultimately, you had a termination	21	remember?
22	agreement with them, right?	22	A Right. Yes.
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1	A Yes.	1	Q Okay. "This letter when signed by you and
2	Q You basically parted ways?	2	us shall constitute our mutual agreement to terminate
3	A Right.	3	the term of the agreements upon the terms and
4	Q Actually, let me show you that. Take a	4	conditions set forth."
5	look at the third page. I'll wait for you. See it?	5	So this is a termination agreement that
6	Is that your signature?	6	terminates those other agreements, and basically
7	A Yes.	7	provides that Island keeps its rights, they will
8	Q Okay. And you recognize Mr. Reed's	8	continue to pay whatever they're going to pay, and
9	signature?	9	various other things. The agreement I don't want
10	A Yes.	10	to just give you a whole summary of it.
11	Q But not the other two, because you're not	11	A Right. Okay. Yes.
12	as familiar with their signatures?	12	Q But it's a termination agreement.
13	A No, I'm not.	13	A Yes. This is my signature. But I don't
14	Q Okay. And do you recall that there was an	14	remember the agreement.
15	agreement when you parted ways with Island Records in	15	Q Okay. Underneath the four names on the
16	1989?	16	first page, right there where it's addressed to the
17	A Do I recall	17	four of you.
18	Q That there was a written agreement at the	18	A Yes.
19	time you parted ways with Island Records.	19	Q There's a name, "care of Joseph Lloyd
20	A Yes.	20	Serling, Esq." Do you see that?
21	Q Okay.	21	A Yes.
22	A Yes.	22	Q Do you know who Mr. Serling is?

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1	Α	Page 170 No.	1	Troubl	Page 172 le Funk, is that
2	Q	The "Esq." generally references an	2	A	Right.
3	~	ey. So I think it's a safe assumption that	3	Q	Oh, okay.
4		e sending this to you in care of some attorney.	4	A	Correct.
5	-	ou don't have any recollection of Mr. Serling or	r 5	Q	So during the time that you were touring to
6	-	s him represent you in any way?	6	suppor	rt this record, where were you touring?
7	Α	No, I don't remember.	7	A	The UK.
8	Q	Okay. Now, right before we got into the	8	Q	Okay. The UK record that we talked about
9	discus	sion of the termination, I had asked you about	9	before	, that live record from London.
10	Woma	n of Principle, which was a single you didn't	10	A	Yes.
11	like, ar	nd it came out roughly in 1987; do you recall	11	Q	That came out in 1986, as I understand it.
12	that?		12	But is	it your recollection because it's your
13	A	Yes.	13	recolle	ection that matters. Is it your recollection
14	Q	And then they're working on the Trouble	14	that th	at came out after the Trouble Over Here,
15		Here, Trouble Over There album, right? That's	15	Troubl	le Over There album was released?
16	the one	e that was being recorded down in	16	A	I'm not certain. I do know that we went
17	A	Yes. Woman of Principle came off that as a	17	over th	nere more than once.
18	single.		18	Q	Oh, you went over to London more than once?
19	Q	Fair enough. And ultimately, the song	19	A	Yes.
20		le itself came off as a single, didn't it?	20	Q	Oh, okay. Okay. And did you have more
21	A	Yes. Yes.	21		ne European tour, or you just went back to
22	Q	So there were at least two singles from	22	Londo	n one more time?
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1		um; there was Woman of Principle, and there	1	A	We had more than one European tour.
2		ouble, right?	2	Q	Okay. And both of them during the term of
3	A	Yes.	3		and contract, right?
4	Q	Was there an EP of that that was released	4	A	Yes.
5		at album as well?	5	Q	Okay. And both, they provided tour support
6		Not that I know of.	6		u, for the European tours, correct?
7		Do you know whether the other Trouble Funk,	7	A	Yes, I believe so.
8		-Tony-Fisher Trouble Funk did any touring to	8	Q	Okay. Yes.
9		this record? No.	9	A O	
11	Q	You don't know?	11	tour?	And where did you perform on the second
12		No, I know they did not.	12	A	Some of those places, we went back to
13	Q	You know they did not?	13	Q	The same places?
14	A	Yes.	14	A	Yes. The same areas, different venues.
15	Q	Okay. So they didn't to your knowledge,	15	Q	Right. Did you go to any new venues, any
16		do any touring in the time when you were	16	new ar	
17		y your own Trouble Funk?	17	A	Yes. I don't remember I do know the
18	_	No. We actually toured for a while. I	18		I time, I think the second time around we did
19		ve toured for a while.	19		ontreux Jazz Festival.
20		Oh, you toured in support of this record?	20	Q	Oh, okay.
21	A	In support of this record, yes.	21	A	And then we did Netherland the second time.
22	Q	Oh, okay. Before you created your own	22	Q	Netherlands?
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